

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of operating a tank ventilation device including a fuel tank of an internal combustion engine and a storage which receives a fuel dispersed from the fuel tank has the steps of connecting the storage through a ventilation conduit with the fuel tank, through a suction conduit with the internal combustion engine, and through an aeration conduit provided with a flow element with an atmosphere, supplying through the storage in a rinsing phase a fresh air which is aspirated via the aerating device, takes fuel and supplies a rinsing fuel flow through the suction conduit to the internal combustion engine, and regulating a fuel concentration in the rinsing volume flow by the flow element provided in the aeration conduit.